

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS


Middlesex, ss. Officer's Return, Town of Reading:

By virtue of this Warrant, I Thomas Freeman, on March 5, 2019 notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the place and at the time specified by posting attested copies of this Town Meeting Warrant in the following public places within the Town of Reading:

- Precinct 1      J. Warren Killam School, 333 Charles Street
- Precinct 2      Reading Police Station, 15 Union Street
- Precinct 3      Reading Municipal Light Department, 230 Ash Street
- Precinct 4      Joshua Eaton School, 365 Summer Avenue
- Precinct 5      Reading Public Library, 64 Middlesex Avenue
- Precinct 6      Barrows School, 16 Edgemont Avenue
- Precinct 7      Birch Meadow School, 27 Arthur B Lord Drive
- Precinct 8      Wood End School, 85 Sunset Rock Lane
  
- Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street

The date of posting being not less than fourteen (14) days prior to April 2, 2019, the date set for Town Meeting in this Warrant.

I also caused a posting of this Warrant to be published on the Town of Reading website on March 5, 2019.

  
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Constable      Thomas Freeman

A true copy Attest:

  
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Laura Gemme, Town Clerk

# TOWN WARRANT



## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Reading, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in the Local Elections and Town affairs, to meet in the following place designated for the eight precincts in said Town, namely:

**Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8**  
**Reading Memorial High School, Hawkes Field House, Oakland Road**

TUESDAY, the SECOND DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2019  
from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to act on the following Articles, viz:

**ARTICLE 1** To elect by ballot the following Town Officers:

A Moderator for one year;  
Two members of the Select Board for three years;  
Two members of the Board of Library Trustees for three years;  
Two members of the Municipal Light Board for three years;  
Two members of the School Committee for three years;  
One member of the School Committee for two years;

Sixty-Four Town Meeting Members shall be elected to represent each of the following precincts:

Precinct 1 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 2 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 3 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 4 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 5 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 6 Eight members for three years;  
Precinct 7 Eight members for three years; and  
Precinct 8 Eight members for three years

and to meet at the Reading Memorial High School, 62 Oakland Road, in said Reading on

MONDAY, the TWENTY-SECOND DAY of APRIL A.D., 2019

at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following Articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with the provisions of the Reading Home Rule Charter.

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**ARTICLE 2** To hear and act on the reports of the Select Board, School Committee, Library Trustees, Municipal Light Board, Finance Committee, Bylaw Committee, Town Manager, Town Accountant and any other Town Official, Board or Committee.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 3** To choose all other necessary Town Officers and Boards or Committees and determine what instructions shall be given Town Officers and Boards or Committees, and to see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the purpose of funding Town Officers and Boards or Committees to carry out the instructions given to them, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY 2019-29 Capital Improvements Program as provided for in Section 7-7 of the Reading Home Rule Charter and as previously amended, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2018, as adopted under Article 17 of the Annual Town Meeting of April 3, 2018 and amended under Article 4 of the Subsequent Town Meeting of November 15, 2018; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to be added to the amounts appropriated under said Article, as amended, for the operation of the Town and its government, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Finance Committee

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**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay bills remaining unpaid from prior fiscal years for goods and services actually rendered to the Town, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell, exchange, or dispose of, various items of Town tangible property, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw by deleting Section 6.2, Disposal of Surplus Property, in its entirety; and to authorize and direct the Select Board to adopt written procedures for the disposal of tangible surplus supplies, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the purpose of funding the irrevocable trust for "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liabilities" or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 53F $\frac{1}{2}$  of the *Massachusetts General Laws*; and to establish a PEG Access enterprise fund for cable television public access for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 11** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 6.6.2 of the General Bylaw, establishing the Inspection Revolving Fund as shown below, with additions being shown in bold and deletions being struck through:

**6.6.2 Inspection Revolving Fund**

Funds held in the Inspection Revolving Fund shall be used for legal costs, oversight and inspection, plan review, property appraisals and appeals, public services general management, pedestrian safety improvements, records archiving, and other costs related to building, plumbing, wiring, gas and other permits required for large construction projects and shall be expended by the Town Manager. Receipts credited to this fund shall include building, plumbing, wiring, gas and other permit fees for the Schoolhouse Commons, **The Metropolitan at Reading Station Village**, Postmark Square, 20-24 Gould Street, 467 Main Street, Oaktree, Addison-Wesley/Pearson and Johnson Woods developments.

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 12** To see if the Town will vote to establish the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established by Article 9 of the Town of Reading General Bylaw pursuant to Section 53E½ of Chapter 44 of the *Massachusetts General Laws* for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 13** To see if the Town will vote to approve an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Allocation Plan pursuant to Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2001 entitled "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF READING TO ESTABLISH AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND," or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 14** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or a designee thereof, and the Town Manager, or a designee thereof, to enter into a contract or contracts for Technology Backup Systems for a term in excess of three years but not to exceed six years, including any extension or renewal thereof or option under an existing contract, upon such terms and conditions determined by the Superintendent or designee, and the Town Manager or designee, to be in the best interests of the Town; provided, however, that, prior to executing a contract for a term in excess of three years, the Superintendent or designee shall certify in writing to the School Committee that such longer term will enable the Town to secure more favorable terms, considering price, expected useful life of the technology and any other relevant factors, that would otherwise be available under a contract with a three-year term; and provided further that any such contract with a total value in excess of \$25,000 shall require the concurrence of the Town Manager; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay costs of improvements to Reading Memorial High School's turf field II, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay the costs of making security improvements to various Town and School Department buildings, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay costs of replacing the Auburn Water Tank, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to pay costs of making Grove Street water main improvements, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for highway projects in accordance with Chapter 90 of the *Massachusetts General Laws*, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money for the operation of the Town and its government for Fiscal Year 2020 - beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Finance Committee

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**ARTICLE 21** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase or gift, a parcel of real property, consisting of thirteen acres, more or less, and shown on Reading's Tax Assessor's Map 34 as Parcel 1, for general municipal purposes on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund such purchase or acquisition along with all associated legal, engineering and other costs necessary, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 22** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase or gift, a parcel or parcels of real property from the winner of a competitive bid selected pursuant to *M.G.L. c.30B*, for general municipal purposes on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to raise and appropriate, transfer

from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund such purchase or acquisition along with all associated legal, engineering and other costs necessary, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 23** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase or gift, the parcel of unique real property, consisting of ten acres, more or less, and shown on Reading's Tax Assessor's Map 41 as Lot 59, for general municipal purposes on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to fund such purchase or acquisition along with all associated legal, engineering and other costs necessary, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Select Board

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**ARTICLE 24** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw as follows:

1. Amend Article 1, General Provisions, as follows:
  - a. By deleting from Section 1.10.16 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that person's."
2. Amend Article 2, Town Meeting, as follows:
  - a. By deleting from Section 2.21, Rule 5 the text "shall stand when speaking as they are able, shall respectfully address the Moderator, shall not speak until recognized by the Moderator, shall state his name and precinct, shall confine himself to the question under debate and shall" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "shall: stand when speaking as able; respectfully address the Moderator; refrain from speaking until recognized by the Moderator; state that person's name and precinct; speak only to the question under debate and."
  - b. By deleting from Section 2.2.1, Rule 6 the text "he has been" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "being."
  - c. By deleting from Section 2.2.1, Rule 8 the text "Any non-Town Meeting Member may speak at a Town Meeting having first identified himself to the Moderator. A proponent of an article may speak on such article only after first identifying himself" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "Non-Town Meeting Members may speak at a Town Meeting having first identified themselves to the Moderator. Proponents of an article may speak on such article only after first identifying themselves."
  - d. By deleting from Section 2.2.1, Rule 11 the text "the fact of his interest or his employer's interest" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "any such interest."
  - e. By deleting from Section 2.2.1, Rule 13 the text "appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by the show of hands, or if his decision" and

inserting, in place thereof, the text "visually appears. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by the show of hands, or if the decision about the vote."

- f. By deleting from Section 2.2.1, Rule 13, the text "he shall determine the question by ordering a standing vote, and he shall appoint tellers to make and return the count directly to him" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "the Moderator shall determine the question by ordering a standing vote, and shall appoint tellers to make and return the count."
  - g. By deleting from Section 2.2.4.1 the text "the mover has given notice of his intention to make such a motion" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "notice of the movant's intention to make such a motion is given."
  - h. By deleting from Section 2.2.4.3 the term "he" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "the Town Clerk."
  - i. By deleting from Section 2.2.6 the term "Chairman," wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term "Chair."
  - j. By deleting from Section 2.2.6 the term "Chairmen" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "Chairs."
  - k. By deleting from Section 2.2.7.1 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that Member's."
  - l. By deleting from Section 2.2.7.2 the text "Chairman of each precinct or his designee" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "Chair of each precinct or a designee thereof."
  - m. By deleting from Section 2.2.9 the term "Chairman", wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term "Chair."
3. Amend Article 3, Town Offices and Town Officers, as follows:
- a. By deleting from Section 3.3.1.2 the term "Chairman," wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term "Chair."
  - b. By deleting from Section 3.3.1.4 the text "his."
  - c. By deleting from Section 3.3.2.3 the term "Chairman" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "Chair."
  - d. By deleting from Section 3.3.2.4 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that member's."
4. Amend Article 5, Conduct of Town Business, as follows:
- a. By deleting from Section 5.2 the term "he" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that settlement."
  - b. By deleting from Section 5.4.1.3 the text "his criminal history record from the Police Department. Should the record subject seek to amend or correct his



record, he must take appropriate action to correct said record, which action currently includes” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “that record from the Police Department. Should the record subject seek to amend or correct that record, appropriate action may include.”

- c. By deleting from Section 5.4.1.4 the text “his or her” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “the applicant’s.”
5. Amend Article 6, Financial Procedures, by deleting from Section 6.3.4 the term “his” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “the party’s.”
  6. Amend Article 7, Regulations on the Use of Private Land, as follows:
    - a. By deleting from Section 7.1.3 the term “his” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “that person’s.”
    - b. By deleting from Section 7.2.4 the term “Chairman,” wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - c. By deleting from Section 7.2.6.4 the term “Chairman” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - d. By deleting from Section 7.2.7 the text “Chairperson of the Commission of his intent to issue such an order” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “Chair of the Commission that such order will issue.”
    - e. By deleting from Section 7.3.4.3 the text “his or her” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “that member’s.”
    - f. By deleting from Section 7.3.4.3 the term “Chairman” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - g. By deleting, from Section 7.3.4.4 the text “his or her” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “that member’s.”
    - h. By deleting from Section 7.3.4.5 the term “Chairman” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - i. By deleting from Section 7.3.5.4 the term “Chairman,” wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - j. By deleting from Section 7.3.7.12 the term “Chairman” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “Chair.”
    - k. By deleting from Section 7.6.2.3 the text “Every person licensed under the provisions of this bylaw shall cause his name and the number of his license to be printed or placed” and inserting, in place thereof, the text “All persons licensed under the provisions of this bylaw shall print their name and license number.”
    - l. By deleting from Section 7.9.2.8 the term “man-made” and inserting, in place thereof, the term “artificial.”

- m. By deleting from Section 7.9.2.11 the term "man-made" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "constructed."

7. Amend Article 8, Public Order, as follows:

- a. By deleting from Section 8.1.2 the term "chairman" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "chair."
- b. By deleting from Section 8.5.2.2 the term "him." wherever it appears, and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that person."
- c. By deleting from Section 8.5.4 the text "he has first obtained a permit from the Select Board, and unless he" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "that person has first obtained a permit from the Select Board and."
- d. By deleting from Section 8.5.5.2 the text "No person shall refuse entry to any building owned by him after receipt of written from the Select Board or its designee," and inserting, in place thereof, the text "After receipt of a written request from the Select Board or its designee, no person shall refuse entry into any building owned by that person."
- e. By inserting into Section 8.5.5.2 the word "building" immediately prior to the text "owner may be billed."
- f. By deleting from Section 8.5.7 the term "manhole" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "utility access hole."
- g. By deleting from Section 8.5.8 the text "person, or his designee or agent," and inserting, in place thereof, the text "person or designee or agent thereof."
- h. By deleting from Section 8.6.8 the term "his premises" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "the property."
- i. By deleting from Section 8.7.4.1 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "its."
- j. By deleting from Section 8.8.2.1.4 the text "its owner or keeper shall have the tag in his or her possession and available for inspection" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "the dog's owner or keeper shall possess such a tag and make it available for inspection upon request."
- k. By deleting from Section 8.9.2 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "official."
- l. By deleting from Section 8.9.4.2 the text "or have in his possession" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "or possess."
- m. By deleting from Section 8.9.4.3 the text "or have in his possession" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "or possess."

- n. By deleting from Section 8.9.8.4 the term "his" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that person's."
- o. By deleting from Section 8.9.8.5 the text "his designee (the Chief), may in his" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "a designee thereof (the Chief), may in the Chief's."
- p. By deleting from Section 8.9.9.4 the text "his designee" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "a designee thereof."
- q. By deleting from Section 8.9.9.4 the text "The Chief of Police shall cause to be kept in his office accurate records" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "Accurate records shall be kept in the Chief of Police's Office."
- r. By deleting from Section 8.9.9.4 the text "carry upon his person" and insert, in place thereof, the text "carry upon that person."
- s. By deleting from Section 8.9.9.5 the text "his residence address set forth in the" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "the residence address set forth in the Certificate holder's."
- t. By deleting from Section 8.10.1.2 the term "he" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "that person."
- u. By deleting from Section 8.10.7 the text "If the Building Inspector determines the building to be unsafe, he" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "Upon determining that a building is unsafe, the Building Inspector."
- v. By deleting from Section 8.12.2.4 the term "man-made" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "constructed."

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Bylaw Committee

**ARTICLE 25** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw as follows:

- 1. By deleting Section 5.4.4, Effective Date, in its entirety.
- 2. By deleting from Section 7.1.11 the text "of of" and inserting, in place thereof, the text "of."
- 3. By deleting from Sections 8.1.5, 8.1.6 and 8.1.7, wherever it appears, the term "therefore" and inserting, in place thereof, the term "therefor."

or take any other action with respect thereto.

Bylaw Committee

**ARTICLE 26** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 2-6 of the Reading Home Rule Charter, to declare the seats of certain Town Meeting Members to be vacant and remove certain described persons from their position as Town Meeting Members for failure to take the oath of office within 30 days following the notice of election or for failure to attend one-half or more of the Town Meeting sessions during the previous year, or take any other action with respect thereto.

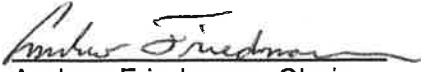
Select Board

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and you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in at least one (1) public place in each precinct of the Town not less than fourteen (14) days prior to April 2, 2019, or providing in a manner such as electronic submission, holding for pickup or mailing, an attested copy of said Warrant to each Town Meeting Member.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

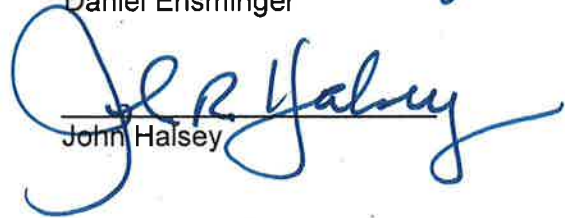
Given under our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
Andrew Friedmann, Chair

  
Barry Berman, Vice Chair

  
Vanessa Alvarado, Secretary

  
Daniel Ensminger

  
John Halsey

SELECT BOARD OF READING

  
Thomas Freeman, Constable